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Subject: Quinnipiac River Category 4

Dear Paul,

With respect to the attached article explaining a plan to categorize rivers in such a manner as to lead to them being "condemned", I cannot comprehend how in this day and age this makes any sense. The Town of Southington has had to pay and is still paying millions due to their past issues with pollution related matters, some of which probably helped pollute the Quinnipiac.

We support The Quinnipiac River Watershed Associations support for Streamflow regulations but with an amendment to remove a class 4 from its proposed categories.

We need all our rivers clean for future generations to enjoy and we need to hold all our towns accountable.

We urge you to not classify this or any river in such a manner as Class 4, let alone the Quinnipiac.

Sincerely,



William Niland